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In re PATENT APPLICATION of Hong et al.

Appln. No.: 09/878,131

Group Art Unit: 1637

Filed: June 8, 2001

Examiner: S. Chunduru

Title: Low-Temperature Cycle Extension of DNA with High Priming Specificity

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AMENDMENT


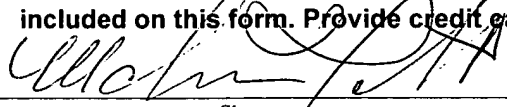
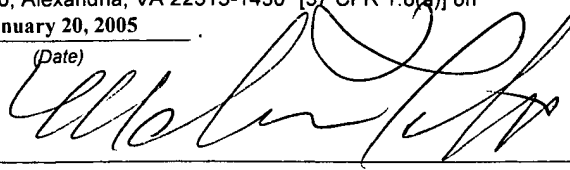
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Applicant(s): HONG et al.					
Application No. 09/878,131	Filing Date June 8, 2001	Examiner S. Chunduru	Customer No. 000041022	Group Art Unit 1637	Confirmation No. 1143
Invention: Temperature Cycle Extension of DNA with High Priming Specificity					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
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